

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to
sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Is 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 65 (66):1-7,16,20

Response:
Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!
(R.)
2. Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ga 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Galatians.
The only thing I can boast about is the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world
is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not
matter if a person is circumcised or not; what
matters is for him to become an altogether new
creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this
rule, who form the Israel of God.
I want no more trouble from anybody after
this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your
spirit, my brothers. Amen.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the
Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 10:1-12,17-20

(For shorter form read between ><)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke
>The Lord appointed seventy-two others and
sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all
the towns and places he himself was to visit.
He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the
labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest
to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now,
but remember, I am sending you out like lambs
among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack,
no sandals. Salute no one on the road.
'Whatever house you go into, let your first
words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man
of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest
on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in
the same house, taking what food and drink
they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his
wages; do not move from house to house.
'Whenever you go into a town where they
make you welcome, eat what is set before you.
Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The
kingdom of God is very near to you." < But
whenever you enter a town and they do not
make you welcome, go out into its streets and
say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that
clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be
sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near."
I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard
with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,'
they said 'even the devils submit to us when
we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched
Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have
given you power to tread underfoot serpents
and scorpions and the whole strength of the
enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not
rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice
rather that your names are written in heaven.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(all bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great
gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday Message

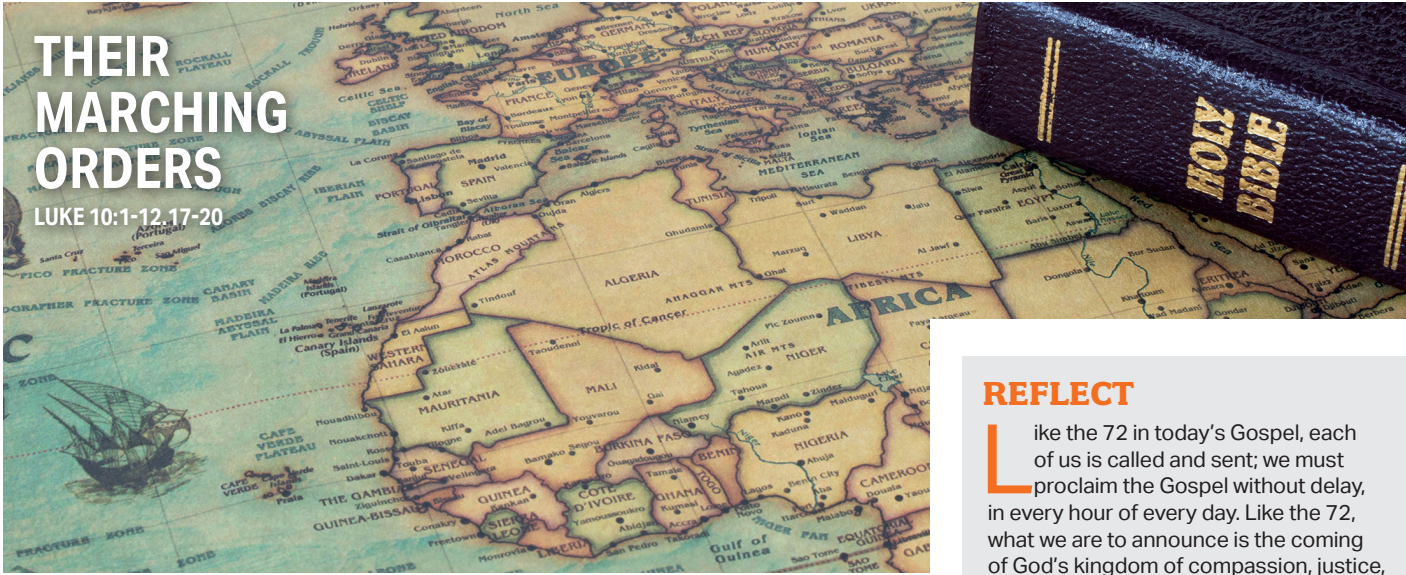
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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THEIR MARCHING ORDERS

LUKE 10:1-12,17-20



I had a short, undistinguished career as a foreign missionary. In the 1980s, age just 23, I was sent to the Philippines for two years on what was called a mission immersion experience. It certainly was immersion and it most definitely was an experience.

Talk about the challenge of adjusting to a new people and a new environment. For the first few months the mosquitoes thought it was Christmas. They feasted on my rich, fresh blood. The food took some getting used to - no milk, only powdered stuff; no potatoes, only lots and lots of rice, few of the vegetables we're accustomed to, but a huge variety of wonderful tropical fruit.

I soon discovered I had no aptitude for foreign languages and struggled to get a basic grasp of the local dialect. The heat was intense. I quickly appreciated those words of Noel Coward: Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun.

I was overwhelmed by the poverty, of a kind I could scarcely imagine, thousands of families in our parish packed into shantytowns or hillside barrios with few amenities and no social welfare. I was lonely, about as far away from home as it was possible to be, in a time before smart phones, social media and satellite tv. Though I was awestruck by the people's friendliness, fortitude and faith, I knew early on I wasn't cut out to be a foreign missionary.

I wasn't the first foreign missionary in my family. A great granduncle, Patrick Moloney, a Vincentian priest, died in China in the 1880s; two of my religious sister aunts worked abroad, as did many other relatives, though I was undoubtedly the least successful of the lot. Most Irish families, tracing back, will find a foreign missionary or two in their family tree, part of the country's great contribution to the church.

But, of course, we don't have to enter religious life or go abroad to be missionaries. It's something we must do at home, too. In fact, that we do so is a requirement of our Christian faith. We are all called by virtue of our baptism to proclaim the Gospel by the kind of people we are wherever we find ourselves. ■

PRAY

Pray for all missionaries, particularly those working in dangerous places.

DO

Speak this week about your love of Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid to tell people why your faith is so important to you.



REFLECT

Like the 72 in today's Gospel, each of us is called and sent; we must proclaim the Gospel without delay, in every hour of every day. Like the 72, what we are to announce is the coming of God's kingdom of compassion, justice, peace, love. Announce it, witness to it, live it.

Even though we live in an era of mass media communication, where news can be transmitted around the globe in microseconds, there is still nothing to compare with the human touch, with person to person interaction. This is especially true when it comes to our faith. The personal witness to the Gospel that we give every day is the best form of evangelisation.

Jesus has given us an example for how we are to live. The question is, are you an agent of good news? Do you proclaim it daily by the things you do and say? Would Jesus choose you as one of his 72? ■

LEARN

In telling the story of the 72, Luke is looking forward to the mission of the church which he describes in the Acts of the Apostles. It is a mission that always continues, even if it takes many different forms. Communication of the Gospel today is done as much by the mass media of press, television and cinema and by modern communications technology as by the traditional word of mouth. But personal example is key. All the baptised are part of the mission and witness of the church. We each have a mandate to evangelise.

SAY

"Lord, help me to stay strong in the face of whatever difficulties come my way. Help me to follow your example. Amen."